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SUBJECT: CEP: SENIOR CIVIL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE

(SCEPC) MEETING APRIL 10-11, 1975

REF: A. USNATO 2013; B. USNATO 2025

SUMMARY: AS A RESULT OF APRIL 8 DEFENSE REVIEW COMMITTEE (DRC) DISCUSSIONS (REF A) ON DRAFT MINISTERIAL GUIDANCE, PARAS 52-53 (REF B), SCEPC REPS INFORMALLY MET AT END OF APRIL 10 SCEPC MEETING TO DETERMINE COORDINATED COURSE OF ACTION IN VIEW OF DRC INTERVENTIONS BY ASYG HUMPHREYS. SCEPC REPS WERE AT LOSS TO UNDERSTAND HUMPHREYS' ASSERTION THAT LAST SENTENCE, PARA 52 - QUOTE - THE APPROVED AIMS AND OBJECTIVES OF CIVIL EMERGENCY PLANNING IN THE ALLIANCE ARE INTENDED TO ACHIEVE THIS. END QUOTE - WAS NOT IN TUNE WITH CURRENT POLICY. HUMPHREYS SUGGESTED SUBSTITUTE LANGUAGE - QUOTE - CIVIL EMERGENCY PLANNING IN NATO SHOULD CONFORM TO THE STRATEGIC AND OTHER PRINCIPLES SET OUT IN THIS GUIDANCE. END QUOTE. END SUMMARY.

1. SCEPC REPS GENERALLY CONCERNED AS TO WHY HUMPHREYS, WHO ALSO IS CHAIRMAN OF SCEPC PLENARY IN ABSENCE OF SYG LUNS, WOULD ATTACK TEXT CONCERNING APPROVED CEP AIMS AND CONFIDENTIAL

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OBJECTIVES (C-(71)17 AND C-M(72)29), WHILE AT SAME TIME SUBSTITUTING SENTENCE SHOULD RENDER DEFENSE MINISTERIAL GUIDANCE INEFFECTIVE IN CIVIL EMERGENCY PLANNING (CEP) PLANNING BODIES IN WHICH FRANCE AND GREECE ARE ACTIVE

PARTICIPANTS, MEMBERS AGREED, INFORMALLY, TO RECOMMEND THAT IF TEXT FOR THESE PARAS, WHICH WAS DRAFTED BY SCEPC MEMBERS, COULD NOT BE ACCEPTED AS DRAFTED, THE TWO PARAS SHOULD BE DROPPED FROM MINISTERIAL GUIDANCE, THIS DECISION WEIGHS THE VALUE OF TWO PARAGRAPHS IN DEFENSE CIRCLES VERSUS DAMAGE WHICH MIGHT OCCUR IN CEP PLANNING BODIES IF HUMPHREYS' SENTENCE AGREED. AS FAR AS SCEPC DELOFFS AT NATO HQS ARE CONCERNED, GETTING DEFENSE MINISTERS TO PROVIDE GUIDANCE TO CEP'ERS IS NOT REQUIRED, SINCE OVER THE YEARS CEP AIMS AND OBJECTIVES CONTAIN LANGUAGE "TO SUPPORT MILITARY OPERATIONS" IN A FRAME OF REFERENCE WHICH HAS KEPT FRANCE ACTIVE IN CEP SINCE 1967. CEP DELOFFS' INTEREST IN MINISTERIAL GUIDANCE EXERCISE IS ONLY TO BRING TO ATTENTION OF DEFENSE MINISTERS POSSIBLE ASSISTANCE CIVIL EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS CAN PROVIDE IN OVERALL DEFENSE SUPPORT.

2. COMMENT: SEVERAL SCEPC NATIONAL REPS TOOK INTERNATIONAL STAFF (I.S.) TO TASK DURING COURSE OF FORMAL SCEPC MEETING FOR DRAFTING OF ANNUAL REPORT TO COUNCIL (AC/98-WP/105) WHICH CONTAINED NUMEROUS REFERENCES TO DEFENSE MINISTERS' GUIDANCE. ALL REFERENCES WOULD HAVE BEEN INAPPROPRIATE FOR CEP WHICH HAS MANAGED TO RETAIN SUBSTANCE OF DEFENSE GUIDANCE IN SUCH A WAY AS TO AVOID CRITICISM BY PARIS. DRAFTER OF TEXT OF ANNUAL REPORT WAS FARRANT (I.S.), FORMALLY OF HOME OFFICE AND CLOSELY TIED TO HUMPHREYS. SEVERAL SCEPC REPS STILL BELIEVE UK WOULD WISH TO SEE NATO CEP AND NATO CIVIL WARTIME AGENCIES DE-EMPHASIZED WITH ALL CRISIS WARTIME PLANNING ARRANGEMENTS TO BE BE "AD HOCKED" AS THE NEED AROSE. END COMMENT.

3. USNATO RECOMMENDS PARA 52 BE ACCEPTED WITHOUT BRACKETS AND PARA 53 BIS BE DELETED. CANADIAN, UK AND NORWEGIAN REPS IN DRC ONLY REPS SUPPORTING HUMPHREYS'S VIEW, WHILE THEIR NATIONAL REPS IN SCEPC SUPPORT CONSENSUS DEVELOPED BY NETHERLANDS, FRG, ITALY AND US. ALSO SUGGEST THIS MATTER BE DISCUSSED WITH ASYG HUMPHREYS BY MG BRAY, CONFIDENTIAL

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